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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURSOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW Y	ORK
JEAN MONPLAISIR,	X

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT 07-70-108 (PKC)

- against-

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ST. LUKE'S-ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL CENTER,

Jury Trial Demanded

Defendant.	

Plaintiff, JEAN MONPLAISIR, by and through his attorneys, FRANK & ASSOCIATES, P.C., complains and alleges as follows:

### 1. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Plaintiff brings this civil action seeking declaratory relief, monetary damages and affirmative relief based upon Defendant's violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (hereinafter "ADA"), 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq., the New York State Human Rights Law (hereinafter "NYSHRL"), N.Y. EXEC. Law §296 et seq. (McKinney 1993 and 2001 Supp.), and other appropriate rules, regulations, statutes and ordinances.

## II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §12117, 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 29 U.S.C. §1161 et seq. This Court has jurisdiction over all state law claims brought in this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 3. This action properly lies in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because the unlawful employment practices alleged herein occurred in the State of New York, County of New York.

- 4. This Court has the power to issue declaratory relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§2201 and 2202.
- Plaintiff filed a timely charge of discrimination on the basis of his disability with the State of New York Executive Department, Division of Human Rights, which charge was cross-filed with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (hereinafter "EEOC") and brings this action within ninety (90) days of the receipt of a Notice of Right To Sue, issued by the EEOC October 10, 2006.

### III. PARTIES

- 6. Plaintiff, JEAN MONPLAISIR was at all times relevant herein, a domiciliary of the State of New York residing in the County of Queens.
- 7. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff was an "employee" within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. §12111(4) and a "person" within the meaning of Section 292(1) of the NYSHRL.
- 8. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff was a "qualified individual with a disability" within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. §12111(8) and has suffered from a "disability" within the meaning of Section 292(21) of the NYSHRL.
- 9. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to the Complaint, Defendant, ST. LUKE'S-ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL CENTER, (hereinafter "Defendant") is a not-for-profit entity existing under the laws of the State of New York.
- 10. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to the Complaint, Defendant does business in the State of New York in the County of New York at 1111 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York 10025.
- 11. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Defendant has been an "employer" within the

- meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 12111(5), and Section 292(5) of the NYSHRL.
- 12. Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to the Complaint, Defendant employed more than fifteen (15) employees.

#### IV. FACTS

- 13. Plaintiff repeats and alleges each and every allegation contained herein.
- 14. In or about October 1986, Plaintiff was hired by Defendant as a Maintainer in the Maintenance Department,
- 15. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff's work performance was satisfactory.
- 16. Plaintiff suffers from a serious back injury.
- 17. On or about March 19, 2005 Plaintiff began a medical leave of absence due to Plaintiff's back injury.
- 18. Plaintiff was granted a medical leave of absence for an indefinite period until he was fully recovered.
- 19. Plaintiff suffered a disability within the meaning of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the New York State Human Rights Law.
- 20. Plaintiff was a disabled employee protected from unlawful termination while on an approved disability leave of absence.
- 21. Plaintiff was cleared and accepted to return to work on or about August 1, 2005.
- 22. On or about July 27, 2005 Plaintiff was terminated from his position while out of work on his approved medical leave of absence.
- 23. At the time of his discharge, Plaintiff was able to perform the duties of his job with or without a reasonable accommodation.
- 24. Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff's termination was the result of an unlawful

- discriminatory action relating to employment because of Plaintiff's disability.
- 25. Defendant's termination of Plaintiff's employment and failure to reinstate him to his former position or any position Plaintiff was able to perform with reasonable or no accommodation was discriminatory and unlawful, in that it was based upon Plaintiff's disability.

#### V. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Americans with Disabilities Act - Disability Discrimination)

- 26. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained herein.
- 27. Plaintiff has been discriminated against by Defendant on the basis of his disability in violation of the ADA, by Defendant engaging in a course of conduct which included wrongfully discharging and/or refusing to reinstate Plaintiff's employment because of his disability or perceived disability.
- As a proximate result of Defendant's discrimination, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer substantial loss of past and future earnings, deferred compensation, bonuses and other employment benefits.
- As a further and proximate result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer severe and lasting embarrassment, humiliation, mental and physical anguish and other incidental and consequential damages and expenses.
- The conduct of the Defendant was done in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights.

  Therefore, Plaintiff is entitled to equitable and injunctive relief, an award of compensatory damages, punitive damages, expenses and attorneys' fees in amount to be determined at trial.

## SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (NYSHRL - Disability Discrimination)

- 31. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained herein.
- 32. Plaintiff has been discriminated against by Defendant on the basis of his disability in violation of the NYSHRL, by Defendant's course of conduct, which included wrongfully discharging and refusing to reinstate Plaintiff to his employment because of his disability.
- As a proximate result of Defendant's discrimination, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer substantial loss of past and future earnings, deferred compensation, bonuses and supplemental employment benefits.
- 34. As a further and proximate result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer severe and lasting embarrassment, humiliation, mental and physical anguish and other incidental and consequential damages and expenses.
- The conduct of Defendant was done in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights.

  Therefore, Plaintiff is entitled to equitable and injunctive relief and an award of compensatory damages in amount to be determined at trial.

## VI. <u>DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL</u>

36. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

WHEREFORE, as a result of the discriminatory conduct and actions of the Defendant herein alleged, Plaintiff demands:

- a. judgment declaring Defendant violated the aforementioned statutes;
- b. Defendant, its agents, employees, officers, and successors in interest, and those acting in concert with Defendant, be permanently enjoined from discriminating against, harassing or retaliating against Plaintiff on any basis forbidden by the

#### ADA and NYSHRL;

- c. that Plaintiff be made whole in the form of back pay and front pay and afforded all benefits which would have been afforded Plaintiff but for said discrimination;
- d. Defendant be ordered to compensate, reimburse and make the Plaintiff whole for compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- e. Defendant be ordered to pay Plaintiff punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- f. Defendant be ordered to pay Plaintiff prejudgment interest;
- g. Defendant be ordered to pay the costs and disbursements of this action, including Plaintiff's attorneys' fees; and
- h. for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: Farmingdale, New York January 5, 2007

FRANK & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff

By:

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